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On behalf of the Raleigh City Council, Raleigh Mayor Nancy McFarlane is pleased to announce that Ruffin L. Hall has been selected to be the City's next City Manager. Mr. Hall was selected after an extensive and comprehensive search that generated a very competitive pool of 80 candidates representing 22 states with a wide variety of knowledge, skill and experience in state, county and local government.

A native of Fayetteville, Mr. Hall has more than 18 years' experience working in local government throughout North Carolina in a variety of high profile and high quality communities including Charlotte, Durham, Chapel Hill and Wilmington.

He is currently an Assistant City Manager in Charlotte, where he has responsibility for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department, the Charlotte Area Transit system, the City's Department of Transportation, and the Engineering and Property Management Department.

Additionally, he has served as the Budget and Evaluation Key Business Executive during his 12-year career with the City of Charlotte. This was a key senior level position that interacted directly with the Mayor and Council on budget and budget policy issues dealing with the management of the City's \$1.7 billion budget.

His previous positions include Senior Budget and Management Analyst with the City of Durham, Assistant to the Manager in the Town of Chapel Hill and Management Auditor for the City of Wilmington, NC. He also had a brief internship in the Wake County Manager's Office while completing the requirements for his master's degree.

Mr. Hall holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and a Master of Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition, he has completed several executive education programs including the Public Executive Leadership Academy at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government, the Senior Executives in State and Local Government program at the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government and the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

Mr. Hall will begin serving as Raleigh's City Manager November 18 and will be relocating to the Raleigh area with his family in the coming months.

Mr. Hall will be the City's sixth City manager since the Council-Manager form of government was adopted in 1947. He will assume leadership of a growing state capital City with a diverse population of over 423,000 that has a combined operating and capital budget of \$705 million for the 2014 fiscal year and employs over 3,600 full-time and 3,000 part-time employees in sixteen different departments.

Pilot Reminds Speeders We Live, Work, Walk, Ride Here City Campaign Starts on Five Raleigh Corridors



While it's an inclusive city, speeders are not welcomed here. That's the message of the City of Raleigh's anti-speeding pilot campaign that launched Oct. 1. The goal of the effort is to reduce the number of collisions between vehicles, pedestrians and bicycle riders.

The campaign's theme strives to instill a sense of community rights and responsibilities over a self-entitlement mentality. "The No Need to Speed: We Walk Here; We Work Here, We Bike Here, We Live Here" theme includes images of motorists, motorcyclists, bicyclists, a mom pedestrian with a stroller, a soon-to-be mom pedestrian, a father pedestrian with small children pedestrians, a mobility-impaired pedestrian and people whose jobs require them to be in or near traffic, such as police officers and sanitation workers.

The pilot is being conducted through the end of November on five corridors that are geographically dispersed throughout Raleigh. The education tools include yard signs, fact sheets, posters, radar-speed signs, radio advertising, a safety event in each corridor and enforcement by the Raleigh Police.

The five corridors are:

- Quail Hollow Drive from Millbrook Road to the dead end, south of Hardimont Road;
- Wide River Drive from Falls of Neuse Road to Falls River Avenue;
- Oakwood Avenue from Person Street to North Raleigh Boulevard;
- Clark Avenue from Faircloth Street to Dixie Trail; and
- Ridge Road from Varnell Avenue to Leonard Street.

Each of these corridors has a documented speeding problem.

The effectiveness of the anti-speeding pilot will be determined by:

- Conducting before-and-after speed surveys;
- Developing a before-and-after survey for pilot-corridor residents to measure the communities' perception of speed along the corridor and to gauge the effectiveness of the campaign;
- Counting the number of bicyclists and pedestrians using the corridor before, during and after the campaign; and,
- Studying crash rates along each corridor and comparing before and after data.

The anti-speeding campaign was prompted by a directive to City staff from the City Council. The theme, content and design for the campaign were produced by City staff.

For more information, contact the City of Raleigh Public Affairs Department at 919-996-3100.

Traffic-Calming Projects Head for Public Hearing

Raleigh City Council Oct. 1 authorized the City of Raleigh Public Works Department to seek public input on the design aspects of seven traffic-calming projects scheduled for completion in the spring of 2014. Council will receive public input during its November 5 evening meeting. Each project is included in the project list approved by Council in September 2012.

The streets involved are:

- Delany Drive from Milburnie Road to Glascock Street;
- Carlton Drive from Fox Road to Bentley Circle;
- North King Charles Road – south, from the Traffic Circle to Milburnie Road;
- Cardinal Grove Boulevard – north, from the Cardinal Grove Home Owners Association to Kyle Drive;
- Cranbrook Road from Shelley Road to Six Forks Road;
- Bennett Street from Glascock Street to Dennis Avenue; and,
- Whitehall Avenue from Brockton Drive to East Millbrook Road.

The process proscribed in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program has been completed for each street. The process includes: submission of a petition of support signed by the owners of at least 75 percent of the properties listed, a public workshop, a preliminary design review and comment period, and a second public workshop during which the final changes are adopted.

For more information regarding traffic calming projects, visit www.raleighnc.gov or call 919-996-4066.

City to Solicit Proposals for Stone's Warehouse Development

The Raleigh City Council voted unanimously Oct. 1 to seek proposals for the sale and development of the Stone's Warehouse property at the intersection of East and Davie streets, just southeast of Downtown.

The request-for-proposal (RFP) to be issued by the City will include requirements of the property's current zoning status. But it will also allow the option to request a rezoning of the land.

Last January, the City Council approved a 99-year lease for the Stone's Warehouse property with Vann Joines/Landmark Group. The developers sought to rezone and redevelop the City-owned block to allow for a 49-unit apartment complex geared toward artists and entrepreneurs with lower than area median incomes. The lease was approved by the City Council contingent upon the developers securing low-income housing tax credits for the project. If the group did not get the tax credits, the council decided

in January, then the City would go through the RFP process to seek new proposals for the sale and development of the Stone's Warehouse property.

The project subsequently failed to win \$4.1 million in low-income housing tax credits, prompting the City Council's Budget and Economic Development Committee last week to recommend soliciting new proposals for the property. The City acquired the Stone's Warehouse property in 2001.

For more information, contact Michele Grant, community Development Director, 919-996-4330.

City Council to Hold Public Hearing on Revisions to City Code to Promote Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

The Raleigh City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed revisions to the City Code of Ordinances regarding bicycles and pedestrian safety on public streets.

The proposed ordinance is crafted to clarify vehicle rules for both bicycles and motor vehicles, and update the streets and facilities that may be used for cycling.

The proposed ordinance would require bicyclists to follow all traffic laws applying to the driver of vehicles, except those which by their nature have no applicability; establishes pedestrian's right-of-way when pedestrian and bicyclist pathways cross or merge; and, restricts the use of bike lanes by motor vehicles.

The proposed ordinance would also make it "unlawful to open the door of a motor vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless it is reasonably safe to do so or to leave a vehicle door open in a vehicle traffic area" for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers. This provision is intended to protect cyclists from being hit by an opening door. The proposed code language also mirrors state law regarding safe passing and overtaking of cyclists by motor vehicles. It is unlawful to overtake and pass a bicycle in the same direction at a distance of less than two feet under North Carolina law.

The revisions were recommended by the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission (BPAC) after a comprehensive review of the bicycle-related elements of the City Code. A review conducted by the BPAC, the City of Raleigh Office of Transportation Planning, the Public Works Department's Transportation Operations Division and the City Attorney's Office found that the code related to bicycle traffic is outdated and in need of updating to reflect current best practices.

The purpose of the proposed ordinance is to clarify rules for maintaining, marking and operating bicycle facilities in the City of Raleigh's jurisdiction for the safety and accessibility of bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

The proposed ordinance features restrictions on the use of bike lanes by motor vehicles, such as:

- Motor vehicles may not drive, park, stop or stand in a designated bike lane except when necessary to access a public street or private driveway or entrance way;
- The driver of a motor vehicle approaching a turn at an intersection or driveway may cross or merge into a bike lane after yielding to traffic in the bike lane; and,
- A motorist may merge into a bike lane to access on-street parking.

The proposed ordinance reminds residents that all bicycles that use streets and other designated bicycle facilities are considered vehicles and are subject to Raleigh City Code and North Carolina General Statutes applicable to the driver of the vehicle. Bicyclists using sidewalks, greenways or multi-use paths must comply with all traffic regulations posted along the facility and stop or yield the right-of-way before entering or crossing a public street. Bicycles at all times must give pedestrians the right-of-way when pedestrian and bicyclist pathways cross or merge.

For more information, contact Eric Lamb, Transportation Planning Manager at 919-996-2161

City of Raleigh Holding Urban Design Education Forums

Want to learn about and discuss issues affecting Raleigh today as the City plans for its future? The public is invited to attend the City of Raleigh's next round of Urban Design Education Forums, sponsored by the City's Urban Design Center, an office of the City's Planning and Development section. The overall theme of these forums is "Raleigh 2025 ---What's Downtown Got to Do With It?"

The forums will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Urban Design Center, located at 220 Fayetteville St. (same location as the Raleigh City Museum). All the forums are free.

The following is the schedule for the Urban Design Education Forums with the topic and guest speaker for that day's session. Each session also will include a question-and-answer session:

- Oct. 23 - "The Great American Downtown-2025." Presenter will be Mitchell Silver, chief planning and development officer for the City of Raleigh;
- Oct. 30 - "Urban Forestry-Sustainable Street Tree Requirements for New Development." Presenters will be Sally Thigpen and Zac Manor, both with the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department;
- Nov. 13 - "Future Food Raleigh: Feeding the Metropolis." Presenter will be Erin White, founder of Community Food Lab and lecturer in architecture at North Carolina State University;
- Dec. 4 - "Jobs + Talent 2025." Presenters will be James Sauls, director of economic development for the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, and Derrick Minor, the City's innovation and entrepreneurship manager;
- Jan. 15 - "Raleigh's Hidden Water: Piped Creeks Revealed." Presenter will be Carla Radoslovich Delcambre, assistant professor at N.C. State University's College of Design;
- Jan. 22 - "Is Housing a Choice." Presenters will be Gregg Warren,

- president and executive director of DHIC Inc., which provides affordable housing in the area; and Roland Gammon, founder of White Oak Properties and a DHIC board member;
- Feb. 5 - "Stormwater in Raleigh: Time for an Upgrade?" Presenter will be Kevin Boyer, engineer in the City of Raleigh Stormwater Utility Division;
 - Feb. 12 - "Back to the Future in Raleigh." Presenter will be Eric Lamb, manager of the City of Raleigh Transportation Planning Office;
 - March 19 - "Ten Years Out: How Shall Downtown Living Be for Children, Families and Elders?" Presenter will be Anne Franklin with Downtown Living Advocates, a citizens group focused on issues of interest to Downtown Raleigh residents;
 - April 23 - "Population Growth, Sustainability and the Need for Urban Greenspace." Presenter will be Danesha Seth Carley, assistant professor in the Department of Crop Science at N.C. State University;
 - May 21 - "Downtown: An Engine for Wake County's Tourism Strategy." Presenters will be David Diaz, president and CEO of Downtown Raleigh Alliance, and Julie Brakenbury, director of services at the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau; and,
 - June 18-- "The Future of Solid Waste Management in Raleigh." Presenter will be Bianca Howard, community education specialist for the City of Raleigh Solid Waste Services Department.

Architects, landscape architects and planners may earn education credits for attending any of the Urban Design Education Forums. For more information about the forums, visit the City of Raleigh's website at www.raleighnc.gov/urbandesign or contact Trisha Hasch at the City's Urban Design Center, 919-996-4641, or email trisha.hasch@raleighnc.gov.

Moore Square Food Distribution Task Force To Meet October 10

The Food Distribution Task Force will meet Oct. 10 at 6 p.m. at Marbles Museum. The goal of the task force is to bring together stakeholders that will work as a community to develop a dependable and sustainable approach to distributing food to those in need that is beneficial for everyone that lives, works or visits Raleigh.

The task force meetings are held to provide a thoughtful process that will include conversations from many perspectives and experiences and thorough consideration and evaluation.
Council Directive

The task force was formed as a part of the City administration's efforts to fulfill the City Council's directive addressing the food distribution issue. At its Sept. 3 meeting, the City Council voted unanimously to re-engage the City's Community-Oriented Government group to:

- Widen the circle of participating agencies that are providing input to this issue, including Wake County;
- Reach out and invite all community and faith-based groups to participate in the discussion to find solutions to problems associated with food distribution in Moore Square; and,
- Develop specific action steps and recommendations to be

reported to the Council's Law and Public Safety Committee at its Nov. 26 meeting.

In the interim, the City Council directed that the City's policy regarding Moore Square not be changed, meaning:

- There will be no enforcement or arrests for any food distribution activity;
- The staff will continue educating food providers about restrictions in the park and sidewalks;
- Once alternate sites have been secured, offer groups wanting to serve food to the needy alternatives to Moore Square; and,
- Ask food distribution operations to move out of Moore Square only when a permitted activity/event is scheduled to be held in the park.

This City Council action waives permit fees in Moore Square during this interim only for food distribution to the needy.

It is the City of Raleigh's objective and desire that the actions taken by this newly formed task force will result in a cooperative environment in which the needs of the hungry are met with compassion and in appreciation of the rights of every resident of the Capital City.

City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department Hosts NCAWWA-WEA's Fifth Annual Model Water Tower Competition

This year will mark the fifth annual North Carolina American Water Works Association-Water Environment Association (NCAWWA-WEA, a.k.a. NC Safewater) model water tower competition. Elementary and middle school students are challenged to construct a functioning water tower that will hold at least one gallon of water and stand in a 12-inch square. Students compete individually or in teams of up to four students. The towers will be judged in five categories: Hydraulic efficiency, cost efficiency, structural efficiency, design ingenuity, and materials ingenuity. Over the past five years, the contest has grown from five towers in one division to more than 20 in two divisions.

The competition is open to fourth graders, fifth graders, and middle school students in the state. Cash prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 are awarded to the first-, second-, and third-place finishers, respectively. Funding for this year's competition is made possible by donations from Hazen and Sawyer, the City of Raleigh, ClearWater, Inc., the City of Durham, the Crom Corporation, EW2 Environmental, and Combs & Associates.

Last year, 22 teams participated from all over the Triangle, and from as far away as Edenton, Wilmington and Charlotte. Deadline to register is November 1. To receive competition guidelines and registration information, please contact event organizer Maggie Hennessy at 919-833-7152 or email mhennessy@hazenandsawyer.com

This year's contest will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, November 16 at the Neuse River Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 8500 Battle Bridge Road.

The model water tower competition (MWTC) was created in 2004

by Tod Phinney, then with the AWWA Florida Section. Mr. Phinney currently is with WH Pacific in Albuquerque, N.M. It was brought to the NCAWWA-WEA in 2008 by Florida Section-transplant Ash Vakharkar via the association's Water For People committee; a group dedicated to providing safe drinking water and sanitation services in developing countries.

The NC AWWA-WEA Public Education Committee is excited about this new outreach event which is intended to provide information to youths about water resource engineering, infrastructure, water, and wastewater treatment and water conservation in hopes that some will become water professionals.

For more information, contact tim woody, Public Utilities Department 919-996-3712.

"Buy One, Get One Free" Mulch Promotion Returns at Yard Waste Center

Raleigh area residents and businesses are invited to take advantage



of a great deal on mulch with a "Buy One, Get One Free" promotion at the City's Yard Waste Center. The promotion is typically held each spring and fall to assist area residents with their

landscaping needs. The fall promotion will run through Friday, November 15.

The City of Raleigh creates mulch from leaves, grass clippings, shrubbery trimmings, tree limbs, and other yard waste that is collected at the curb each week. The Yard Waste Center staff follows strict guidelines in producing high quality mulch for sale. The mulch is created in an all-natural facility using a month-long process to eliminate weed seeds, pesticides, or chemicals that can be found in yard waste.

Using locally made mulch for landscaping needs is a green choice, as it reduces fuel required in shipping. In addition, instead of using chemicals and energy to bag mulch for commercial sale, customers do the work of packaging the mulch themselves. Customers also are advised to consider the environmental costs of using garden products that are not quickly renewable, such as peat moss or cypress mulch.

Following is important information about the "Buy One, Get One Free" promotion:

- A coupon is required. Look for the coupon in the Home and Garden section of The News & Observer. The coupon is also

available for download on the City of Raleigh's website at: <http://www.raleighnc.gov/content/SolidWaste/Documents/MulchCouponFall2013.pdf>;

- While the Yard Waste Center sells a variety of recycled yard products -- including wood chips and compost -- the "Buy One, Get One Free" promotion applies only to leaf mulch and regular mulch;
- Customers must pick up purchased and free mulch in the same day;
- Customers may purchase mulch and other recycled yard products in a variety of amounts, from a small bag or can to a bucket load of approximately 2.5 cubic yards, typically filling the bed of a pick-up truck; and,
- The Yard Waste Center and the "Buy One, Get One Free" promotion are open to anyone, including those who live outside of the City of Raleigh, as well as businesses, nonprofits, and contractors.

The City of Raleigh Yard Waste Center is located at 900 N. New Hope Road and is easily accessible from U.S. 64 Bypass or New Bern Avenue/U.S. 64 Business. The Yard Waste Center is open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily, except Sundays. The facility will be closed on Veterans Day on Monday, Nov. 11. The Yard Waste Center accepts cash, checks (with proper identification), or Visa or MasterCard credit cards.

For more information, call the City of Raleigh Yard Waste Center at 919-250-2728 or visit the City's website at www.raleighnc.gov.

Artists Invited to Submit Qualifications for Public Art at City's Critical Public Safety Facility



The City of Raleigh is seeking qualifications from experienced artists or artist teams to provide site-specific public art for the City's Critical Public Safety Facility. Scheduled to open by the end of 2015, the facility will house the Emergency Communication Center, the Emergency Operations Center, the Data Center and the Traffic Control Center.

The project budget for the selected public art commission is \$180,500, inclusive of all expenses including but not limited to design, fabrication, installation, travel, taxes and fees.

Qualifications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8. There is no fee to submit qualifications.

The Critical Public Safety Facility will be located on Raleigh Boulevard between Westinghouse Boulevard and Brentwood

Road. It will consist of a 95,000-square-foot, four-story building. In May 2012, the architectural firm of Pearce Brinkley Cease + Lee (now named Clark Nexsen) was hired by the City Council to design the facility.

Public art at selected City of Raleigh sites is authorized by the Half Percent for Art ordinance adopted by the City Council in 2009 and implemented by the City's Public Art and Design Board and the City's Arts Commission.

Under goals established by the Public Art and Design Board, public art for the Critical Public Safety Facility should recognize the value of City employees as public servants while also defining the public safety aspects of the facility. The art should also enhance the exterior of the facility without infringing on its designation as a highly secured site and serve as a strong visual gateway for the staff, visitors and media who frequent the facility. Contributing to the sustainability/re-use of water and/or materials is strongly desired. There are multiple opportunities for public art at the site.

There will be two rounds in the selection process. In the first round, a seven-member artist selection panel appointed by the Public Art and Design Board will evaluate the artists' qualifications. Evaluation will be based on criteria that include artistic merit, placemaking experience, collaborative public art processes, project management experience and technical expertise. The artist selection panel will identify up to three finalists to invite to Raleigh for interviews as part of the second round of the selection process.

For application guidelines, visit the City of Raleigh's website at www.raleighnc.gov/arts and search for "Artist Calls." For more information, contact Kim Curry-Evans, public art coordinator for the Office of Raleigh Arts, at 919-996-4688 or kim.curry-evans@raleighnc.gov.

The Office of Raleigh Arts supports and promotes the arts in Raleigh by administering the programs of the City of Raleigh Arts Commission and the City's Public Art and Design Board, and supporting the Pullen and Sertoma arts centers. The Office of Raleigh Arts is a part of the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department.

Increasing Awareness of Environmental Awards Top Priority for Advisory Board

For six years, the City of Raleigh has honored those who have made preservation and conservation of the environment a top priority with the Annual Environmental Awards Program. At Tuesday's Raleigh City Council meeting, the Environmental Advisory Board said that strengthening that program and increasing awareness and participation would be its top action item for the coming year. Donna Coleman, chairman of the Environmental Advisory Board, said that while support for the program has grown, they hope for even greater participation and fundraising this year.

During the coming year, the board also will focus on working with the City's Solid Waste Services Department to identify and evaluate "best practices" for composting and recycling programs other than the existing residential programs.

The Environmental Advisory Board also will continue to monitor and review the City's Unified Development Ordinance and the annual revisions to the Comprehensive Plan for continued environmental protection. Likewise, the board will continue its efforts to monitor the Greenhouse Gas Emissions for Government Operations, Fossil Fuel Reduction Policy, and the City's policy on LEED standards.

For more information, contact Cindy Holmes, Environmental Advisory Board, 919-996-3840.

Council Awards Innovate Raleigh \$5,000

During its evening session on Tuesday, Oct. 1, the Raleigh City Council meeting approved a grant of \$5,000 to Innovate Raleigh.

Innovate Raleigh is a partnership between North Carolina State University, the City of Raleigh, Raleigh Economic Development, Wake County Economic Development, the Downtown Raleigh Alliance, Wake Technical Community College, the Wake County Public School System and the Council for Entrepreneurial Development. The organization works toward making the region one of the top centers of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country by serving as a connector of individuals in the region who are doing unique work. Innovate Raleigh holds an annual conference to bring top area minds together each year.

The funds will come from the Council's contingency fund. Also a report on the Innovate Raleigh Conference will be presented at the Council's annual retreat.

Six Appointees Named To City Boards

During the City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 1, one new appointee and five reappointments were made to City of Raleigh boards and commissions.

Mary Lucas was appointed to the Human Relations Commission. Dan Blue III was reappointed to the Downtown Housing Improvement Corporation. Adam Terando and John B. Buxton were reappointed to the City of Raleigh Planning Commission. Jane B. Thurman and Lemuel Whitset were reappointed to the Raleigh Transit Authority.

Raleigh residents have the opportunity to volunteer their services to the City to serve without pay on various boards, commissions and committees. Some of these groups are established in the City Charter. Others are created by the Mayor or City Council to perform special, limited functions.

Where not specified by law, it is the City's policy to appoint citizens to serve two-year terms with a maximum of six consecutive years of service on any specific board or commission. Citizens may serve on no more than two commissions, boards or committees concurrently.

For more information, visit the City's website at www.raleighnc.gov and enter "boards, commissions and committees" in the search box.

Arts Commission Offers Presentation on Building Creative Capital In Raleigh

The City of Raleigh Arts Commission will host internationally recognized arts consultant and researcher Alan Brown for a presentation on building creative capital in cities and communities. The presentation will take place from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, in the city council chamber on the second floor of the Avery C. Upchurch Government Complex, 222 W. Hargett St. The presentation is free and open to the public.

In his presentation, "Awakening the Creative Voice: Building Creative Capital in Raleigh," Mr. Brown will discuss the impact of the arts' new role in cities' creative place-making efforts as a lever to create positive social and economic change. Mr. Brown contends that as policy makers, sponsors and artists work to connect arts programs, businesses and the civic agenda, a clear vision of what a creative community looks like is emerging. Mr. Brown will offer a model for building "creative capital" in cities and communities across the United States as well as in Raleigh.

"This presentation will help us explore what constitutes a vibrant and healthy community," said Clyde Lundy, chair of the City of Raleigh Arts Commission. "Alan Brown will help us envision what that future looks like."

Mr. Brown is a leading researcher and management consultant in the nonprofit arts industry. His current work centers on several projects assessing the intrinsic impact of the arts in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Australia Council for the Arts, among others. Another focus has been developing measurement systems that communities can use to reliably and repeatedly track levels of public engagement in arts and culture, including the Philadelphia Cultural Engagement Index and a province-wide study of arts participation for the Ontario Arts Council in Ontario, Canada.

Established in 1977 as the official advisory body and advocate for the arts to the Raleigh City Council, the Raleigh Arts Commission holds the distinction of being the first municipal arts commission created in North Carolina. Serving as the leading force to champion the arts with Raleigh citizens and their representatives, the Arts Commission's myriad activities foster, support and promote the arts in the Capital City.

The Arts Commission is part of the City's Office of Raleigh Arts. The Office of Raleigh Arts supports and promotes the arts in Raleigh by administering the programs of the City of Raleigh Arts Commission and the City's Public Art and Design Board, and supporting the Pullen and Sertoma arts centers. The Office of Raleigh Arts falls under the City of Raleigh's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department.

For more information about Mr. Brown's presentation, visit the City of Raleigh's website at <http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts/news/content/CorNews/Articles/WolfBrownPresentation.html>, or contact Arts Grants Coordinator Sarah Corrin at 919-996-4686 or Sarah.Corrin@raleighnc.gov.

Follow the City of Raleigh on Twitter



Looking for the most up-to-date information from the City of Raleigh? Follow your local government via Twitter! Twitter is a free services that allows you to "follow" people or subjects via short, frequent updates.

The City of Raleigh now offers Twitter users the opportunity to stay informed about the latest news and breaking events. To join in, visit

Currently, the City maintains the following accounts:

RaleighGov - This feed features links to any news releases and alerts issued by the City of Raleigh;

RaleighBPAC - This feed features information from the City of Raleigh Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission;

RaleighParks - This feed features news and information related to the City of Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department;

RaleighPlanning - This feed features any news and information related to the City of Raleigh Planning and Development Department;

RalCommServices - This feed features any news and information related to the City of Raleigh Community Services Department;

RW911 - This feed features traffic accidents reported to the Emergency Communications Center;

RaleighGoGreen - This feed features news and information from the City of Raleigh Solid Waste Services Department Recycling program.

RalPublicArt - This feed features information about the City of Raleigh Arts Commission Public Art Program.

To follow any of these, simply choose "Find People" from your Twitter home page and type in the account name you are interested in and then click "follow." It's that easy.

Follow the City of Raleigh on Facebook



City of Raleigh - The main City of Raleigh Facebook page keeps you informed about events, holidays and other news items.

City of Raleigh Planning and Development - The Raleigh Planning and Development page provides guidance for the growth, preservation and development of the City of Raleigh in order to maintain a community of lasting value.

City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department - Keep with news and information from the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department.

Community Services Department - The Community Services Department Facebook page posts a variety of community and

neighborhood news, stories, awards, classes and Citizen Advisory Council information.

Emergency Communications - The Raleigh-Wake County 911 Facebook page posts information on job openings, public engagement and other 911 related happenings.

Raleigh Police Department -The Raleigh Police Department Facebook page focuses on public safety. Posts concerning crime alerts, missing people, requests for citizen assistance and more.

Raleigh Public Art - Raleigh Arts Commission's Public Art program is an essential building block for the creation of engaging, imaginative spaces throughout the city. Department Facebook page posts a variety of community and neighborhood news, stories, awards, classes and Citizen Advisory Council information.

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Traffic Alerts

For more City of Raleigh News and Updates on Road Closures, Parades and Road Races, visit the City's website at www.raleighnc.gov.

Street Closings

First Friday Closings

On First Friday of each month, from 6 p.m. to midnight, the 00 block of Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and Wilmington Street will be closed. This closure will also include the south side sidewalk of the block.

October 4, First Friday From 6 p.m. to midnight, the 00 block of Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and Wilmington Street will be closed. This closure will also include the south side sidewalk of the block.

Wednesdays, Downtown Farmers Market City Plaza will be closed. On October 5 Traffic will be affected near Durant Road from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for a road race. The runners will gather on Garvey Drive and proceed north towards Durant Road, turn right on Durant, turn right on Capital Hills road, make a u-turn at Gresham Lake, and return to the starting line. Traffic on Durant Road will be diverted into the center lane for eastbound traffic.

October 4, First Friday From 6 p.m. to midnight, the 00 block of Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and Wilmington Street will be closed. This closure will also include the south side sidewalk of the block.

October 5 Traffic will be affected near Durant Road from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for a road race. The runners will gather on Garvey Drive and proceed north towards Durant Road, turn right on Durant, turn right on Capital Hills road, make a u-turn at Gresham Lake, and return to the starting line. Traffic on Durant Road will be diverted into the center lane for eastbound traffic.

October 5 The 6600 block of Pleasant Pines Drive will be closed from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

October 5 The 1400 block of Mordecai Drive will be closed from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

October 5 The 5100 block of Jeffries Street between Stockton Drive and Norman Place will be closed from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

October 6, RunRaleigh Half Marathon & 5k Traffic will be affected from 7 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for a road race. View more information at <http://www.runraleighhalfmarathon.com/course-maps/>.

October 12 A portion of Pace Street from N. Person Street and N. Bloodworth Street will be closed from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

October 13 The 100 through 400 blocks of Fayetteville Street, Davie Street from Salisbury Street to Wilmington Street, and Martin Street from Salisbury Street to Wilmington Street will be closed from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

October 19 The 200 block of Cooke Street will be closed from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

October 25 Traffic will be affected in the vicinity of Broughton High School from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. for the school's homecoming parade. The group will exit onto St. Mary's Street, proceed north, turn left on Nichols Drive, right on Sutton Drive, left on Daniels Street, left on Smallwood Drive, left on Cameron Street, and return to the school.

October 26 The 2500 block of Dahlgreen Road from Cub Trail to Deershire Court will be closed from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.

October 26 Traffic will be affected from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for a fundraising walk near North Hills Shopping Center. The group will exit the center, turn right on Dartmouth Road, left on Camelot Drive, right on Rowan Street, left on Lakemont Drive, right on Pinecroft Drive, right on Latimer Road, left on Rowan Street, left on Camelot Drive, right on Dartmouth Road, and return to the finish.

October 26, Walk Traffic will be affected near Walnut Creek Amphitheater for a fundraising walk from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Most of the event will take place on the amphitheater grounds. But the walkers will use the right lane of Rock Quarry Road from the southern entrance to Sunnybrook Road, and proceed to the western entrance.

October 27 Road Race Traffic will be affected downtown from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. by two road races. The first will start in the 2000 block of Clark Avenue. Runners will travel west and turn right on Oberlin Road, travel to the halfway mark and return to the starting line. For the second race, runners will travel west on Clark, turn right on Oberlin Road